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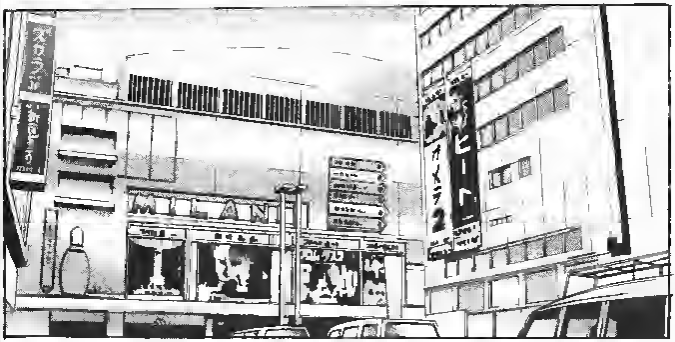


REPORT 1 Love, Piercings and Judo (Beginning)

HIYAA!
AARGH!
ALL RIGHT! FIVE-MINUTE BREAK, EVERYONE!
YES, SIR!
HERE'S YOUR TOWEL, TETSUO-KUN.
PHEW...
ゼェゼェ
?!
THANKS, SAITOU-SAN.
THANKS.
GOOD JOB! HERE'S A TOWEL.

HUH?/ WHY'S THAT?
YOU NEED TO WORK HARDEST OF ALL, RIGHT?
TH- THANKS, SAITOU...
NOTE: A "manager" is a girl who brings towels, keeps records, cleans equipment, etc.
YEAH.
OH, RIGHT...
I MAY JUST BE THE MANAGER, BUT AS A FELLOW SECOND YEAR I'M REALLY EXCITED FOR YOU!
BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONLY SECOND YEAR TO BE CHOSEN AS A REGULAR FOR THE NEXT TOURNAMENT.
SO YOU BETTER DO YOUR BEST!
BYE-BYE!
RIGHT, THANKS.

RIGHT! I'M A REGULAR! A REGULAR!
THANKS.
HERE YOU GO.
ヒュオオ
HIYAA!
HM?!
LOOK OUT!!
ブォーン
LET'S SEE MAYBE IF I COME AT HIM LIKE THIS AND THEN DO THIS AND—
TEN DAYS LEFT TILL THE TOURNAMENT, HUH? I'VE STILL GOTTA WORK ON MY RIGHT TACKLE

WAH!
EEEK!
ERK!!
AAAAH!
HUH...?
UH, HEY...
!
AAA

IT'S A GIRL... AND HER HAIR IS DYED BROWN.
OH MY GAWD! ARE YOU ALIVE?
I'M SO SORRY. ARE YOU OKAY?
HUH? OH, YEAH... I'M FINE.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?! YOU JUST FELL TEN METERS DOWN THOSE STAIRS!
SHIT, MY ARM'S KILLING ME.
OH NO! WHAT HAVE I DONE?!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
ピク
...ERK!
YEAH, NO PROBLEM AT ALL.
ガシッ

I'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE TO THE HOSPITAL!
ERR...
COME ON, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THIS IS NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT FITTING US BOTH ON- THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!
Y-YES, MA'AM.
OKAY, HERE WE GO! HANG ON TIGHT!
WHOA!

山村総合病院
Yamamura General Hospital
YES, SIR.
THAT MEANS NO MORE JUDO FOR YOU, MISTER.
YOU'LL NEED TO GIVE IT AT LEAST A MONTH TO HEAL.
HMM, SEEMS YOU'VE FRACTURED YOUR WRIST.
SIGH
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
DO YOUR BEST!
WHAT A DRAG. AND AFTER I GOT TO BE A REGULAR AND EVERYTHING...
WHAT AM I GOING TO TELL THEM?

HOW'D IT GO?
...THEY SAY I FRACTURED MY WRIST.
IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS, BUT...
OH!
RUMBLE
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? THERE'S NO WAY I'LL--
NAH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU'VE ALREADY DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH, BRINGING ME.
I'LL COVER THE BILL OKAY?
HA HA HA HA!
PFF!
OH, ERR...I GUESS I'M HUNGRY.

DON'T WORRY, I'M ON IT. WAIT RIGHT THERE.
R-RIGHT.
SIT DOWN.
HERE WE GO.
!
TH-THANKS.
HERE, I GOT US SOME BREAD.
OH! I GET IT! YOU MUST DO JUDO, RIGHT?
SORRY, IT'S A HABIT.
OW!
WHAT ARE YOU KNEELING FOR?

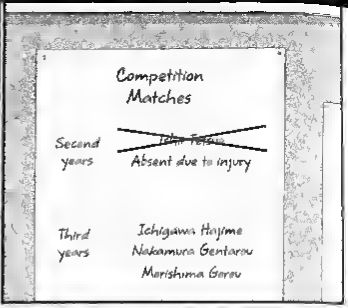
NAH, IT WAS MY FAULT. I WASN'T WATCHING WHERE I WAS GOING.
NOW YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO JUDO WITH THAT ARM.
I'M REALLY SORRY. IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
WELL, I USED TO...
OH YEAH! I STILL HAVEN'T TOLD YOU MY NAME.
I'M SAKAI NAOMI, FROM SECOND YEAR CLASS F.
BUT ALL MY FRIENDS CALL ME NAO.
OKAY, NAO-SAN.
NO "-SAN" HERE! IT'S SO OLD-FASHIONED!
O-OKAY

WELL?
DYED BROWN HAIR...
NAO, HUH...?
PIERCED EARS...
HUH? OH, I'M...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ER...
MM, YOU LOOK MORE LIKE AN "ANDRE."
...I'M ISHII TETSUO.
UH... WHY?
ANDRE ...?

YOU JUST LOOK LIKE IT.
I LOOK LIKE AN ANDRE?
HA HA HA. YUP! OR MAYBE MORE LIKE AN "ANDY".
UH... OKAY.
Since when did I become an Andy?
PI PI PI PI
OH, JUST A MOMENT.
HELLO? SURE, WHAT CLUB DO YOU WANNA GO TO TONIGHT?
OKAY, GOT IT. THEY'RE HAVING AN EVENT THERE, RIGHT?
TOTALLY. I'M A LITTLE BUSY WITH SOMETHING RIGHT NOW, BUT-- YEAH, I'LL CALL YOU BACK LATER, 'KAY?

OH, YOU'RE SO SILLY, ANDY!
Ha ha ha!
SO... WHAT CLUB SPORT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BEEP
UH...
DON'T FORGET TO SAY "HI" IF YOU SEE ME IN SCHOOL SOMETIME!
WELL, SORRY FOR THE MESS! I SWEAR I'LL PAY THE DOCTOR'S BILL, 'KAY?
SHE SURE TALKS A LOT...
TH-THERE SHE GOES..
AND THEN, THE FOLLOWING DAY, AFTER SCHOOL...

HIYAA!


Competition Matches
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Absent due to injury
Third years
Ichigawa Hajime
Nakamura Gentarou
Morishima Gorou

OKAY! FIVE-MINUTE BREAK!
Yes, sir!

I FEEL LIKE I DON'T BELONG HERE ANYMORE...

WHAT DO I DO NOW?
.....
RM?!
N-NAO... SAN?
OH, IT'S FINE.
HOW'S YOUR ARM?
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT!
HEY! ANDY, IS THAT YOU?

PLEASE, TAKE IT
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT YOU DON'T HAVE TO
HERE'S THE MONEY FOR THE DOCTOR.
HUH?
OH YEAH. I ALMOST FOR-GOT...
WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE? YOU'RE REALLY STARTING TO PISS ME OFF. YOU GOT A GRUDGE AGAINST ME OR SOMETHING?
I DON'T NEED IT!
REALLY, IT'S OKAY
NO IT'S NOT OKAY
HUH?
NO APPRE-CIATION AT ALL!
I FELT REALLY BAD ABOUT IT, SO I USED THE MONEY FROM MY JOB AND EVERYTHING.

IT REALLY WASN'T YOUR FAULT. I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION.
...I WAS TOO HARSH.
OH... UMM...
.....
STARE
OH, WELL!
UH, YOU COULD SAY THAT.
YOU'VE PROBABLY GOT A LOT OF TIME NOW THAT YOU'RE NOT DOING JUDO, HUH?
WHAT?

A...COOL PLACE...?
THEN THAT SETTLES IT. I FOUND A REALLY COOL PLACE THE OTHER DAY. WANNA GO?
A CLUB IN SHIBUYA.
C-CLUB?
ER... WELL...
DON'T TELL ME YOU SERIOUSLY DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT, ANDY?
WELL, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND ONCE YOU GET THERE COME ON, LET'S GO!

UH, CASUAL CLOTHES ...?
NO PROB-LEM! IT'S CASUAL WEAR!
BUT I...I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF CLOTHES.
ANYTHING ALONG THE LINES OF THE "SKATER" LOOK?
WHAT KIND OF CLOTHES DO YOU HAVE?
O-OKAY.
I LOVE CHOOSING CLOTHES FOR GUYS!
THEN LET'S USE THIS MONEY TO DO SOME SHOPPING!
UH.. WELL.
I HEARD THERE'S GONNA BE A HOUSE TECHNO DJ TONIGHT. WEDNESDAYS ARE ALWAYS THE WILDEST!
? ?

JUST ABOUT...
YOU CHANGED YET?
TH THESE CLOTHES ARE WAY TOO WEIRD.
PFF!
NO, IT'S FINE! IT'S FINE! YOU LOOK .. BETTER THAN I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT!
Ha ha ha!
ARE YOU SURE?

M GOING
OME TO
HANGE,
O I'LL
EE YOU
LATER.
OKAY.
WEAR THIS, AND MEET ME IN FRONT OF THE 109 CLUB AT TEN O'CLOCK, GOT IT?
OKAY...
THEN, AT 10:00 P.M. THAT NIGHT...
HM?
YO, ANDY!
BUT I GUESS... THIS IS WHAT'S "IN" THESE DAYS.
THESE CLOTHES ARE WAY TOO BAGGY. I FEEL SO DUMB.

OH, WOW...
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
COME ON, ANDY, LET'S GO!
R-RIGHT...
I'VE NEVER... DONE... ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE...
ALL I'VE DONE UP UNTIL NOW IS JUDO.
NOW WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO...?

QUIT ZONING OUT LIKE THAT, OR YOU'LL JUST GET LEFT BEHIND!
ANDY! MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!
JUST WHO IS THIS GIRL...?
AND WHERE IS SHE TAKING ME?!

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REPORT 2 Love, Piercings and Judo (Middle)

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ANDY? COME HERE.
OH... RIGHT.
THANKS
TAKE A SEAT, NAO!
YOU'RE HERE EARLY!
YOU KNOW I'M COOL!
HOW'S IT HANGIN'?
YO, NAO!
UH... NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M... ANDY.
LISTEN UP, EVERYONE! I'VE GOT SOMEONE TO INTRODUCE! THIS IS ANDY. HE'S FROM MY SCHOOL
UH...
DO YOU PLAY SPORTS?
WOW, CHECK OUT THE MUSCLES ON THIS GUY!
MAN, YOU'RE HUGE!

SO TALLY COOL!
WHOA, THAT IS SO MA-CHO!
HUH?
THIS GUY HERE DOES JUDO!
WHAT DO I DO? I CAN'T TELL THEM I DO JUDO! THEY'LL THINK I'M STUPID...
H! UH, OKAY.
I'M GONNA GO GRAB US SOME DRINKS, SO WAIT HERE FOR ME.
THEY'RE... THEY'RE OKAY WITH IT?
NITE! Kanpai = cheers!
KANPAI!
GULP GULP

HAAA! DELICIOUS!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE NOT DRINK ING
HUH?
DON'T TELL ME THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME DRINKING?!
N-NO...I NEVER SAID THAT...
GLUG GLUG
PHEW!
PERFECT! YOU'RE A GREAT DRINKER!
I... I DOWNED THE WHOLE THING!

UH
I JUST GOTTA DANCE!
OH MY GOD!! I LOVE THIS SONG!!
スク
ドーン ドーン
ドーン

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME NAO'S BROUGHT A GUY HERE, YOU KNOW.
HUH?
SHE'S PRETTY AMAZ-ING, EH?

YOU ROCKED!
NAO YOU WERE AWESOME!
AH... YEAH...
SO, WHAT DO YA' THINK? PRETTY SMOOTH, EH?
I THOUGHT SO.
Y-YEAH! TOTALLY SMOOTH!

HM?
NURM
SQUEM
ドキ
I JUST LOVE THIS DJ'S TASTE IN MUSIC!
WHAT'S WRONG?
ER... IT'S JUST THAT...
GUMMMM
ER
WELL?

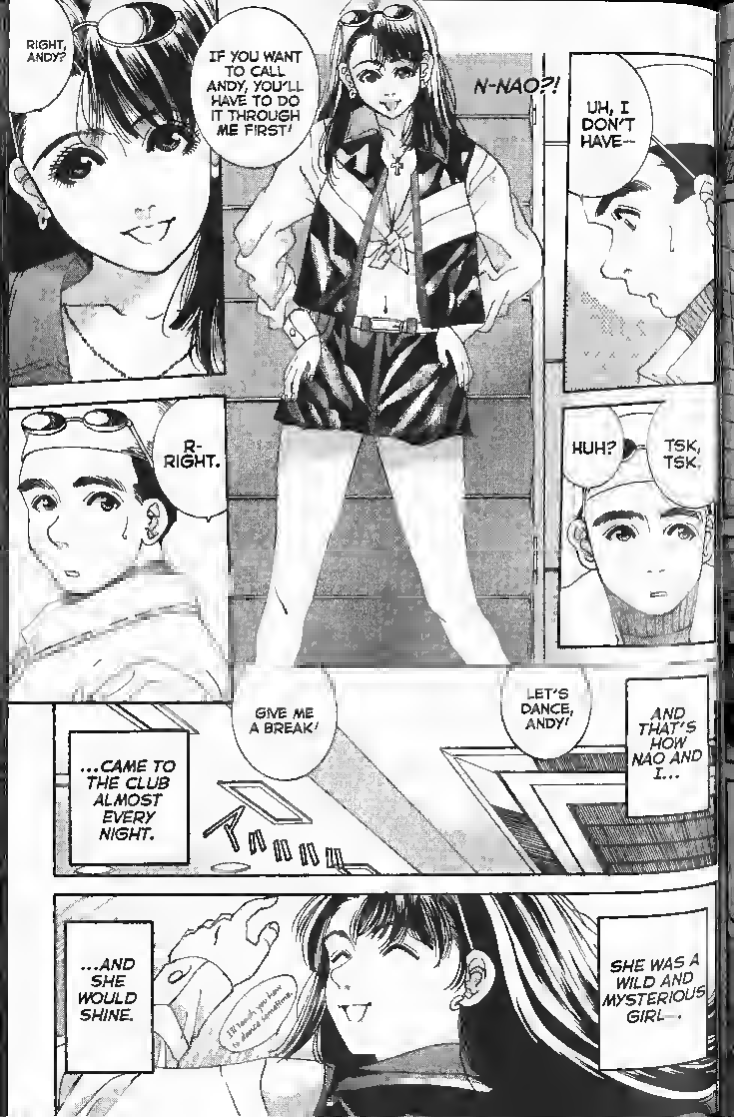
OH-HO! YOU THINK I'M SHOWING TOO MUCH SKIN?
W-WON'T YOU GET IN A TROUBLE FOR... DRESSING LIKE THAT HERE?
OH, THIS?
YOU'RE SO FUNNY!
Tee-hee!
WHAT IF I PUT THEM A LITTLE CLOSER, HUH?
-STOP OKING ROUND.
URE!
HEY, NAO. LET'S DANCE MORE.

ANDY! ANDY!
LET'S DANCE!
ANDY! ANDY!
ANDY! ANDY!
DON'T BE SILLY! I WANNA SEE HOW YOU DANCE!
N-NO WAY! I DON'T KNOW HOW...
OH, YEAH! ANDY, COME DANCE WITH US!
LET'S GO!
GULP!
ALL RIGHT!
IT MAY HAVE JUST BEEN BECAUSE OF THE BEER I HAD BEFORE, BUT I COULDN'T STOP FROM DANCING LIKE A MADMAN.
HELL YEAH!
YOU'RE JAMMIN', MY JUDO-MAN!
WOO-HOO! GO, ANDY!

OME ON, O. KNOCK OFF. IT S TOTAL- EMBAR- ASSING.
SERIOUSLY, ANDY! YOU WERE AWESOME!
Ha ha ha!
AT FIRST... I REALLY DIDN'T THINK I COULD EVER GET ALONG WITH THAT KIND OF CROWD.
OH... IT WAS FUN.
?!
BUT, REALLY. WHAT DO YA THINK?
I'M SO GLAD!
BUT EVERYONE TURNED OUT TO BE REALLY COOL! IT WAS... IT WAS REALLY FUN!
YEAH?
WHAT? TOMOR- ROW? well, okay
OKAY, ANDY, LET'S GO AGAIN TOMORROW!

PHEW.
JUDO'S REALLY ALL I'VE EVER KNOWN SO FAR.
I NEVER KNEW SUCH A PLACE EXISTED.
IT SURE WAS A CRAZY NIGHT.
I DOWNED THAT WHOLE MUG OF BEER JUST TO IMPRESS NAO.
I FELT AS THOUGH... I'D DISCOVERED A WHOLE NEW WORLD.
THAT NIGHT, I HARDLY GOT A WINK OF SLEEP THAT NIGHT.

THEN, THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAD TO GO ON AHEAD WITHOUT NAO, BECAUSE SHE DECIDED TO BE LATE! I HOPE I'LL BE OKAY ON MY OWN...
YO!
HEY, ANDY! HOW'S IT HANGING?
YOU ALONE TONIGHT? SIT OVER HERE.
S-SURE...
YOU WERE REALLY AWESOME YESTERDAY!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! WHAT'S YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER, DUDE?


RIGHT, ANDY?
IF YOU WANT TO CALL ANDY, YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT THROUGH ME FIRST!
N-NAO?!
UH, I DON'T HAVE--
R-RIGHT.
HUH?
TSK, TSK.
GIVE ME A BREAK!
LET'S DANCE, ANDY!
AND THAT'S HOW NAO AND I...
...CAME TO THE CLUB ALMOST EVERY NIGHT.
...AND SHE WOULD SHINE.
I'll teach you how to dance tomorrow.
SHE WAS A WILD AND MYSTERIOUS GIRL--.

SAITOU!
HUH?
TETSUO-KUN?
HOW'S YOUR INJURY?
OH, IT'S TOTALLY HEALED.
TOO BAD THAT HAD TO HAPPEN, THOUGH.
I WAS WORRIED YOU MIGHT BE DEPRESSED ABOUT IT.
I WONDER IF IT'S JUST MY IMAGINATION...?
REALLY? THANKS. BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME. I'M FINE.
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT YOU'VE... CHANGED SOMEHOW.

I'VE CHANGED?
SURE.
WELL, SEE YOU LATER STOP BY THE JUDO CLUB SOMETIME, OKAY?
IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF NAO THAT IT'S EASIER TO TALK TO GIRLS NOW.
I WONDER WHY?
WELL, I DON'T GET ALL NERVOUS WHEN I TALK TO SAITOU ANYMORE.
THEN, JUST LIKE EVERY NIGHT...
KNOCK IT OFF! I'M A GUY!
YOU KNOW THAT SHINGO GUY? I THINK HE'S TOTALLY CRUSHING ON YOU, ANDY.
WE'LL BE BACK TOMORROW.
SORRY DUDE MAYBE NEXT TIME.
YOU GOING HOME ALREADY, ANDY?
SEE YA!
G'NIGHT!

THAT'S
ECAUSE
ERYONE'S
REALLY
NICE.
FEELS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY GETTING THE HANG OF IT.
HEE HEE HEE
I'M SO GLAD.
UH?
W-WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT?
UH?
OH, NOTHING... IT DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING

HUH?
IT'S JUST THAT. YOU LOOKED PRETTY LONELY WHEN I FIRST MET YOU.
REMEMBER? WHEN I FIRST INVITED YOU TO THE CLUB. .
...IT FELT LIKE ..YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT NOT BELONGING ANYWHERE.
WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, OF COURSE I WISH I HADN'T HIT YOU WITH MY BIKE, BUT .
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT/

AT?
N-NAO...?
...BUT HOW DOES SHE FEEL ABOUT ME?
I...I KNOW I LIKE NAO...
I WAS ONDER-G WHAT E WE'RE EETING OMOR-ROW.
N-NO, IT'S JUST...
HUH?
WHAT? CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?

SEE YA LATER, ANDY!
YOU'RE SO SILLY! I ALREADY TOLD YOU, REMEMBER? TEN O'CLOCK.
Ha ha ha!
HUH?!

EEEEK!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU? JUMPING INTO THE ROAD LIKE THAT!
YOU WANT ME TO RUN YOU OVER AGAIN?!
I...
I LOVE YOU!

SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO TELL ME.
PFF!
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING TO LAUGH AT!
OKAY OKAY.
YEAH, THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, ANDY.
HUH? B-BUT, YOU JUST SAID...
HOP ON! LET'S HANG OUT FOR THE REST OF THE NIGHT!
WHAT...?

TALK ABOUT DENSE, CAN'T YOU TAKE A HINT?
I WAS PREPARED TO BE REJECTED BY HER, BUT SHE ACCEPTED ME RIGHT OFF THE BAT.
AND HAT'S W NAO ND I ARTED TING.

REPORT 3 Love, Piercings and Judo (End)

WONDERFUL
YO!
ANDY!

YOU OUGHT TO DANCE MORE OFTEN YOURSELF, ANDY! YOU'VE REALLY GOT TALENT! EVERYONE LOVED IT THE FIRST TIME YOU GOT OUT ON THE FLOOR.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A LOT OF FUN WHEN YOU DANCE.
MAN, I LOVE JUST LOSING MYSELF IN THE MUSIC WHEN I DANCE, IT'S LIKE ALL THE NASTY THINGS JUST DISAPPEAR!
HA HA HA.
HEY, THAT'S NOT FUNNY.
WHY DO YOU ASK?
HUH?
DO YOU THINK I'M PRETTY?
HEY, ANDY?
SO, SHOULDN'T WE KISS?
WELL, WE'VE ALREADY BEEN GOING OUT FOR A WHILE NOW...

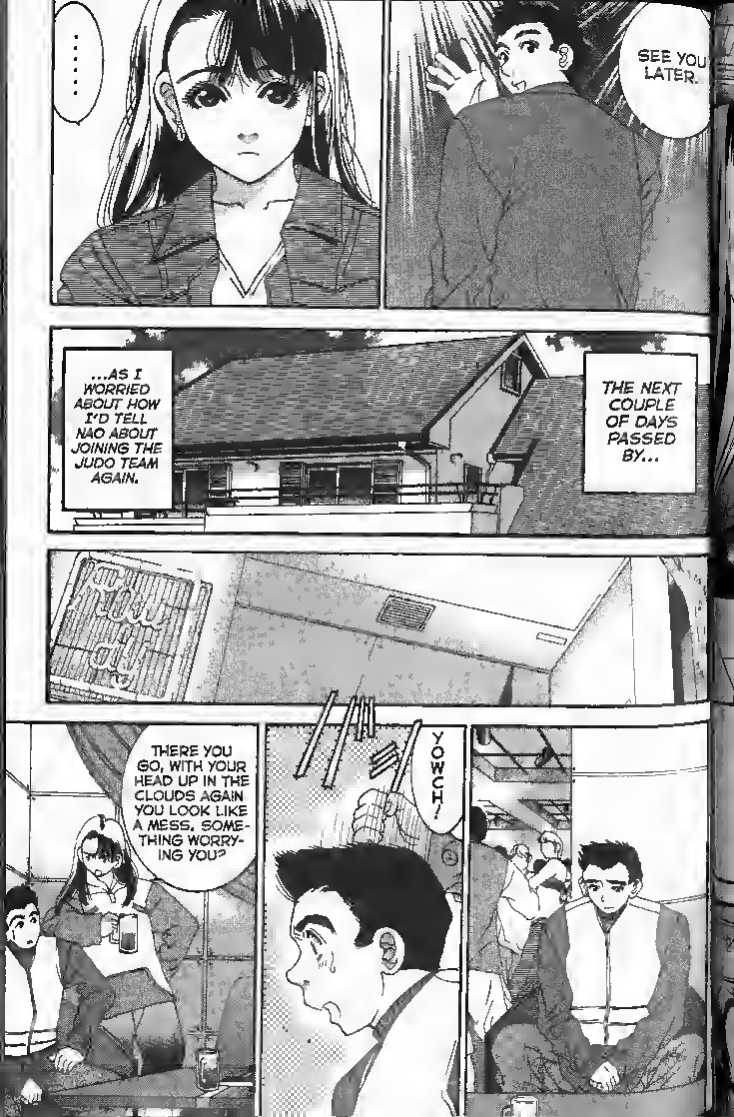
OH! UH...
YOU MEAN, IT'S OKAY?
THAT ISN'T EXACTLY SOMETHING YOU ASK A GIRL, YOU KNOW.
trembla trembla

OH!
YOU SURE ARE ROUGH.
RIGHT...
YOU BETTER PRACTICE BEFORE WE KISS AGAIN.
S-SORRY.
...EVERY-DAY WAS LIKE A DREAM WITH NAO.
DON'T ASK ME.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PRAC-TICE?
AFTER HAVING SPENT ALL MY LIFE DRIPPING WITH SWEAT IN JUDO CLASS...

山村総合病院
Yamamura General Hospital
WHEN ONE DAY...
IS... IS THAT SO?
WHAT?!
YOU CAN GO BACK TO DOING JUDO NOW THAT YOUR ARM'S HEALED.
ドス
HIYAA!
?!
WOW... I CAN DO JUDO AGAIN.

SAITOU?
OH! TETSUO-KUN!
...IT'S SO MUCH MORE FUN HANGING OUT WITH NAO.
I'VE ALREADY LOST MY PLACE AS A REGULAR AND NOW...
OH?
WELL, NOT YET...
CAN YOU JOIN THE TEAM AGAIN?
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN.

THAT NIGHT...
NAO...
IT WAS SO LAME I THOUGHT I'D JUST DIE! HA HA HA!
YEAH! YOU MEAN AT THE SHOP?
I JUST CAN'T ENJOY MYSELF AT THE CLUB AS MUCH
NOW THAT I KNOW I CAN GO BACK TO JUDO BECAUSE MY ARM'S RECOVERED...
IF I JOIN THE TEAM AGAIN, I WON'T BE ABLE TO HANG OUT WITH NAO LIKE BEFORE
WHAT ARE YOU ZONING OUT FOR, ANDY? IT'S RUDE!
HUH?
SORRY... I'M JUST NOT FEELING VERY WELL.
I'M HEADING HOME NOW.
AW, MAN! YOU'RE LEAVING?
YOU FEELING OKAY, ANDY?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SEE YOU LATER.
...AS I WORRIED ABOUT HOW I'D TELL NAO ABOUT JOINING THE JUDO TEAM AGAIN.
THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS PASSED BY...
YOWCH!
THERE YOU GO, WITH YOUR HEAD UP IN THE CLOUDS AGAIN YOU LOOK LIKE A MESS. SOMETHING WORRYING YOU?

SIGH.
N-NO, IT'S NOTHING
PHEW... MAYBE I DRANK TOO MUCH.
OH!

LET'S GO...TO A HOTEL.
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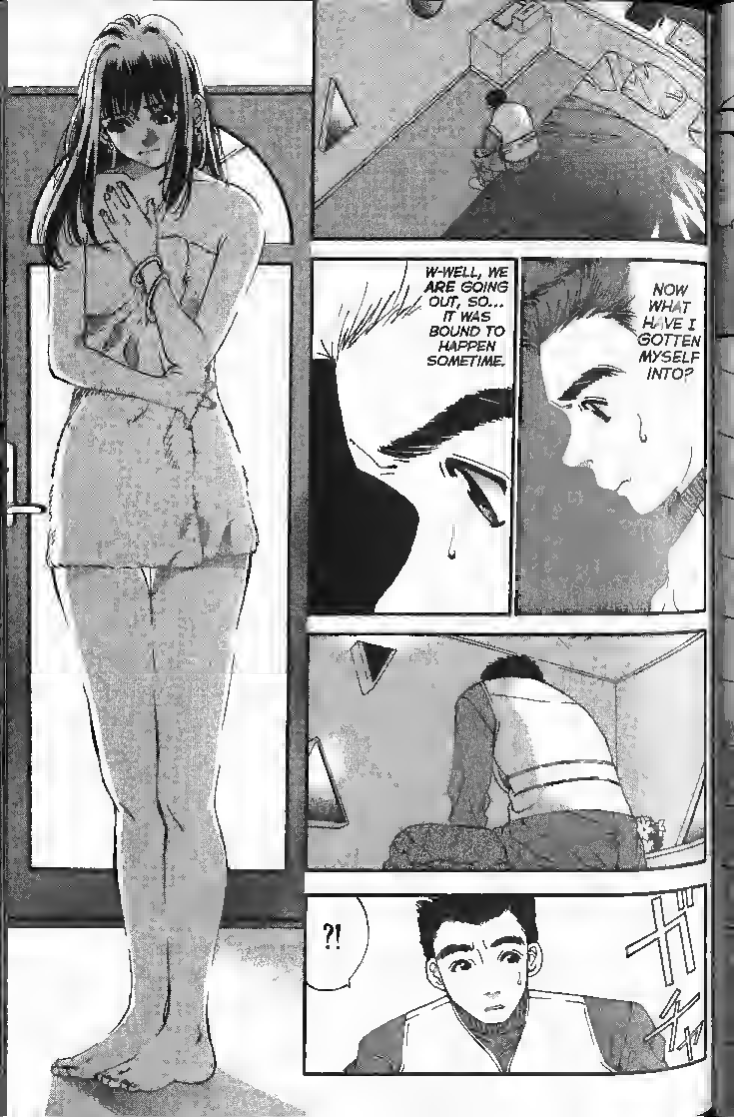
I'M GOING TO GO TAKE A SHOWER, OKAY?
O-OKAY.


W-WELL, WE ARE GOING OUT, SO... IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN SOMETIME.
NOW WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO?
?!

D-DON'T STARE AT ME LIKE THAT.
OH! S-SORRY.
OH... RIGHT.
YOU... YOU SHOULD TAKE A SHOWER TOO.
badum badum badum

I...
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.
I'VE...I'VE DECIDED TO JOIN THE JUDO CLUB AGAIN.
WHAT?!

DOESN'T THAT MATTER TO YOU?
BUT... IF YOU JOIN IT, THEN... WE WON'T BE ABLE TO HANG OUT ANYMORE.
YOU ERE'N'T JOYING URSELF T ALL TH ME.
SO, THIS IS WHY YOU'VE BEEN ACTING FUNNY LATELY.
NO! THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS!
BESIDES, YOU'VE GOT YOUR CUTE MANAGER WAITING FOR YOU...
N-NO! OF COURSE NOT--

...I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SIT STILL! I WANT TO DO JUDO AGAIN!
BUT NOW THAT MY ARM'S HEALED, AND THEY TOLD ME I COULD GO BACK...
AND I LOVE ALL THE CLUBS YOU TOOK ME TO. AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS...
YOU'RE THE ONE I LOVE.
THAT'S SO CRUEL OF YOU!
.....
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU.
WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU? ME OR JUDO?!
HUH?
FINE! IF YOU REALLY LOVE ME...
I...DON'T MAKE ME...

...THEN GO BACK TO YOUR PRECIOUS JUDO WITH BLEACHED HAIR AND A PIERCING!
HEN I'LL BELIEVE YOU!
YOU COULD NEVER DO IT...
NOW GET OUT OF HERE!
.....
.....

WHOA! AND A PIERCING TOO!
TETSUO-KUN! WHAT'D YOU DYE YOUR HAIR FOR?
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
NO WAY!
WHAT THE--?
H-HEY, GUYS. SO... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
MAYBE THIS WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA...
HA HA HA HA...
THE SENIORS ARE SCARY, RIGHT? THEY'LL PROBABLY KILL YOU FOR THIS, YOU KNOW
YOU THINK THIS IS GOING TO GO OVER WELL WITH THE JUDO CLUB?
WELL... WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE.

OH!
AN...DY?
OH MY GOD! IS THAT REALLY YOU?
YES, IT IS!
JUST LIKE I PROMISED.
BUT, AREN'T YOU GOING TO GET IN TROUBLE?

W-WAIT!
MAYBE. BUT A PROM-ISE IS A PROM-ISE.
!!

A-ANDY?!
Y-YOUR HAIR...
.....
I LOOK LIKE A JOKE.
THEY... THEY SHAVED IT OFF. A-AND TOOK MY EARRING.
YES, YOU DO LOOK LIKE A BIG CHUMP!
HA HA... NOW, THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D GO OUT WITH ME, HUH?

DUMMY DON'T CRY BE CAUSE OF THIS
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE TOTALLY BALD...
...YOU WERE REALLY COOL.
YESTERDAY
AND NOW I UNDERSTAND...
...THAT YOU LOVE BOTH ME AND JUDO!

YES! I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU!
YOU MEAN, EVEN IF I DO JUDO--
BUT YOU HAVE TO PROMISE TO GO CLUBBING WITH ME EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE. GOT IT?
RIGHT!

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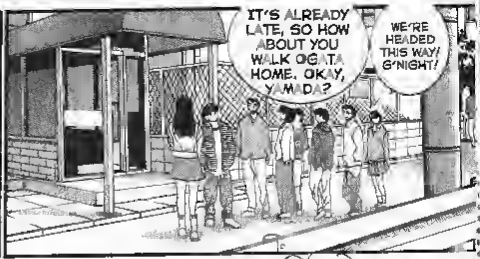
OKAY...


IT'S ALREADY LATE, SO HOW ABOUT YOU WALK OGATA HOME. OKAY, YAMADA?
WE'RE HEADED THIS WAY! G'NIGHT!

YEAH! YAMADA'S ONLY 170CM, SO MAYBE YOU'LL BE THE ONE PROTECTING HIM!
YOU'LL BE FINE, OGATA. YOU'RE ALREADY 175CM TALL!
* 170 cm = 5 feet 5 inches
* 175 cm = 5 feet 7 inches

ERIKO! NOT YOU TOO!
AH HA HA HA HA
TOMO'S NEVER HAD TROUBLE WITH PERVERTS ON A CROWDED TRAIN BEFORE!

SEE YA LATER!
BYE-BYE!

THANKS, YAMADA!

REALLY! THOSE JERKS CAN BE SO MEAN!
IT'S NOT SO BAD. MORE GIRLS ARE GETTING TALLER THESE DAYS. BESIDES, YOU COULD MAKE A GREAT SUPER-MODEL!
THEY KNOW I'M SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT MY HEIGHT.
YEAH! I KNOW A BUNCH OF GIRLS WHO ADMIRE YOU.
YOU THINK SO?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER IF I ONLY ATTRACT GIRLS?
HA HA HA HA
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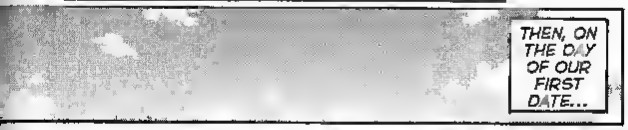
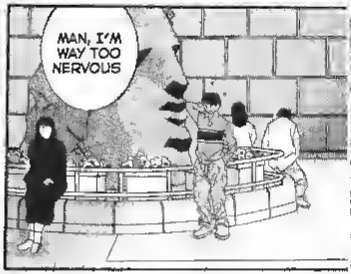
HERE. READ THIS.
WHAT IS IT?
OH! I ALMOST FORGOT!
WELL, THIS IS MY STOP.
. . . . ?
Everyone is so
But this is written
straight from the heart.
Please go out with me.
—Ogata Tomo
WHAT?!

O-OGATA... LIKES ME?!
AND SHE DIDN'T LET IT ON AT ALL!
THIS IS... A LOVE LETTER?
HOW COULD I EVER SAY NO?!
IF YOU ACCEPT, PLEASE MEET ME IN FRONT OF THE MOYAI STATUE IN SHIBUYA TOMORROW MORNING
...BUT I GAVE UP BECAUSE I ASSUMED SHE'D NEVER WANT A BOYFRIEND WHO WAS SHORTER THAN HER.
I'VE HAD A CRUSH ON OGATA FOR A LONG TIME NOW...
WOOHOO!
BUT NOW... BUT NOW...!

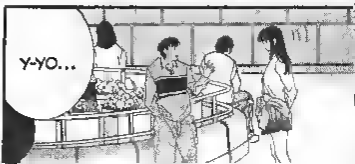
OH NO! WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO-MORROW?


THEN, ON THE DAY OF OUR FIRST DATE...


MAN, I'M WAY TOO NERVOUS

OH!
IT'S... OGATA!

HM?


Y-YO...

YEAH, I GUESS SO...
SO... YOU DECIDED TO COME
RIGHT...
HA HA HA! W-WHAT ARE WE GETTING ALL NERVOUS ABOUT?
.....
REALLY?
OKAY.
ER... ANYWAY, LET'S TAKE A WALK.
YOU LOOK REALLY GREAT TODAY!

*160 = 5 feet 1 inches

W-WHAT'S WRONG?
BUT I HAD MORE IMPOR TANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT THAN JUST MY HEIGHT--
I WAS ALREADY 160CM BY THE TIME I WAS IN SIXTH GRADE
HA HA. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I-IS THAT SO...?
I'M USED TO HEARING THAT I'M A GIANT EVER SINCE I WAS IN GRADE SCHOOL.

OH!
Your breasts
LOOK, MY HEIGHT WASN'T THE ONLY THING THAT WAS GROWING TOO FAST
W-WELL, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THEM NOW?
I'M DOWN-RIGHT PROUD OF THEM!
IT WAS ALWAYS SO EMBARRASSING FOR ME. THE WAY THE BOYS WOULD STARE AT ME IN GYM CLASS
GASP

HA HA HA!
COME ON! LET'S TAKE A PICTURE!
A PHOTO BOOTH!
OH! LOOK!
HERE WE GO!
IN MEMORY OF TODAY!
Please wait a moment.
OKAY! SURE!

LET ME SEE! LET ME SEE!
THEY CAME OUT GREAT!
TEE-HEE! I CHEATED... NOW I LOOK LIKE A CUTE LITTLE GIRL NEXT TO YOU!
SHE LOOKED SO ADORABLE JUST NOW.
HUH?
...AND THEN WANDERED AROUND THE CITY.
AFTERWARD, WE WENT TO DINNER AND A MOVIE.

HUH?
THAT ARCADE SURE HAD A LOT OF VIRTUA 3!
WHAT'S THE MAT TER?
TRUE LOVE
I WAS JUST ADMIRING THESE HIGH HEELS.
BUT THEY'D NEVER LOOK OOD ON E, WOULD THEY?

OKAY.
FORGET ABOUT IT? LET'S GO!
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT.
...WE WENT ON TONS OF DATES...
AND LIKE THAT...
THEN ONE DAY...
WHAT? FOR REAL?!
I DON'T THINK WE CAN HIDE IT MUCH LONGER. LET'S TELL THE OTHERS.
YOU KNOW, THE GUYS HAVE BEEN STARTING TO ASK ME, "HEY, YAMADA, YOU GUYS REALLY GOING OUT?"
WHAT? YOU DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW WE'RE DATING?

.....
REEEALLY?
Teehee!
UH, NO! THAT'S NOT IT--
Blush
WELL, OKAY. BUT BEFORE WE TELL THEM, CAN WE...
OH!!

.....
I'M GOING TO KISS HER!
I... I CAN DO THIS!
OKAY, FIRST KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSED...
I HOPE IT GOES WELL.
TH-THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FOR ME TOO!
HERE WE GO!

OH...
HUH...?
SHIT!
I JUST KISSED
HER CHIN!!

GUESS IT REALLY IS HARD TO KISS A GIRL WHEN YOU'RE SHORTER THAN HER... WHAT WITH THE ANGLE BEING OFF, AND...
I GOTTA COME UP WITH A GOOD EXCUSE!
NOW I'VE DONE IT!
HA HA HA. LOOKS LIKE I REALLY MESSED UP BIG TIME.
CERTAINLY WASN'T LIKE THOSE KISSES YOU SEE IN THE MOVIES HUH? HA HA HA...
HA HA... HA. YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU'RE RIGHT... WHEN THE GIRL IS TALLER...
...IT'S JUST WEIRD, ISN'T IT?

WAIT!
I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO GO HOME NOW.
OGATA ...?
.....

AND THERE I GO, SAYING SOMETHING SO STUPID! I WASN'T EVEN THINKING ABOUT HER FEELINGS!
...IT'S JUST WEIRD, ISN'T IT?
SHE WAS CRYING.
NOW I LOOK LIKE A CUTE LITTLE GIRL.
GASP!
DAMN IT! WHAT DO I DO NOW?!
I'M SO STUPID! SHE WAS MAKING IT SO OBVIOUS, AND I NEVER PICKED UP ON IT

THEN, THE NEXT DAY...
SHE ALWAYS PASSES BY HERE ON THE WAY HOME...
?!
OGATA, WAIT! PLEASE!
GO AWAY!
GO AWAY!

PLEASE, JUST LISTEN TO ME.
I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY.
.....
I...I REALLY DO LIKE YOU!
I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE TALLER THAN ME OR ANY-THING!
YESTER-DAY WAS MY FIRST KISS SO... OF COURSE IT WASN'T VERY GOOD.
AND...I JUST SAID THOSE THINGS BECAUSE I WAS SO NERVOUS
I LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU! EVEN YOUR HEIGHT! BECAUSE YOU ARE YOU!
?!

O... OGATA?
NOW DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
HUH?
THEN... PLEASE TAKE THIS.

YES... I THOUGHT THEY'D LOOK GOOD ON YOU.
THESE ARE...
YEAH, BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME!
BUT IF I WEAR THESE... I'LL ONLY BE TALLER.
Hug

HUH?
YEAH...
WOULD YOU... KISS ME AGAIN?

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TEE HEE! I SCARED YOU, DIDN'T I?
EEP!
WHATCHA' READING?
U-UEYA-MA?!
WHOA!

BUT I COULD NEVER BE ANNOYED BY HER
SO YOU NOTICED?
YOU REALLY ARE A FUNNY GIRL
SHE'S ALSO ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR GIRLS IN CLASS.
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SAY, ISHI-KAWA?
HER NAME IS UEYAMA NAOKO. SHE'S HAPPY AND ALWAYS ENERGETIC.
YEAH, I GUESS
YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT MANGA, RIGHT?
OH! THAT'S RIGHT!
ANYWAY, WHAT IS IT YOU WANTED TO SAY?
FOR REAL?!
YEAH, I THINK I KNOW A PLACE.
...I WAS WONDER-ING IF YOU KNOW ANY PLACES THAT SELL IT?
WELL, THERE'S THIS REALLY OLD MANGA I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR, AND

GOING
OPPING
FTER
OOL...
ITH
YAMA?!
UH, SURE.
SO, HOW ABOUT YOU TAKE ME THERE AFTER SCHOOL?
I CAN'T WAIT FOR SCHOOL TO LET OUT!
THEN, AFTER SCHOOL.
MANBAKARI!
マンバカリ
YEAH, I DO.
YOU GO HERE A LOT, ISHIKAWA?
HUH?
AH! HERE WE ARE!

GREAT!
I'M SURE THEY'LL HAVE THE BOOK YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HERE
MANBA KARI?
YUP. IT'S CALLED THAT BECAUSE IT'S REALLY NOTHING BUT MANGA INSIDE HAHA, KINDA LIKE A 100 YEN STORE FOR MANGA.
*100-yen (¥100) are like American "$1 stores"
.....?!
IRASSHA-IMASE!!
Welcome" greeting called out whenever customers enter a store or restaurant
WHAT'S THAT?
COSPLAY?
OH, THEY'RE JUST COSPLAY-ING.
W-WHAT'S WITH THEM?

IT'S WHEN YOU DRESS UP LIKE YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER. THERE ARE A LOT OF VIDEO GAME CHARACTERS BEING COSPLAYED, TOO THESE DAYS.
OH...
BUT WHERE CAN YOU BUY CLOTHES LIKE THAT?
HMMM...
STARE
OH! I FOUND IT! THIS IS THE ONE YOU WERE LOOKING FOR, RIGHT?
HUH...?
UEYAMA?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
HUH?
HERE. THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
HEY, ISHIKAWA? WHICH IS THE MOST POPULAR CHARACTER BEING COSPLAYED NOW?

HUH? O-KAY.
THEN, LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!
I WOULD THINK AND I BET THEY HAVE IT FOR PLAYSTATION, TOO.
DO THEY HAVE THAT GAME IN THE ARCADES?
MOST OF ALL, ELEANOR. ALTHOUGH IT'S A LITTLE OVERDONE.
LET'S SEE, THAT'D PROBABLY BE THE CHARACTERS FROM THE FIGHTING GAME, "PLASMA WARRIORS."
SHE'S SO CUTE! IS THAT ELEANOR?
AND THAT WAS HOW NAOKO FIRST HELD MY HAND...
...AND DRAGGED ME TO THE NEAREST ARCADE.
YEAH! SHE'S ALSO PRETTY STRONG, AND SHE'S GOT SOME GREAT COMBO MOVES!
THEN, ALMOST A WEEK AFTER THAT DAY.
HEY, ISHIKAWA!
CHECK IT OUT. MY EYES ARE ALL BLOODSHOT FROM PLAYING PLASMA WARRIORS TOO MUCH!
YOU'RE REALLY ADDICTED, AREN'T YOU?
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M STILL TRYING TO MASTER THE SKY REFLECT ATTACK!

I'VE BEEN TALKING MORE WITH NAOKO EVER SINCE THAT DAY.
PRESS-PRESS-TURN...?
SEE, IT'S A PRESS-PRESS TURN MOVE.
OH! THAT ONE'S ALL ABOUT THE TIMING
WELL, YEAH... THAT TOO.
TO... TO PLAY PLASMA WARRIORS?
HUH?
LISTEN, ISHIKAWA. YOU FREE TODAY? WANNA COME OVER?
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
A SURPRISE? WHAT THE HELL...?
IT'S... A... SURPRISE.
WELL... YOU SEE...

THAT DAY, AFTER SCHOOL...
IT'S THIS WAY
R-RIGHT.
A SURPRISE, HUH? I WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE...
WE'VE GOTTEN CLOSER, AND ARE TALKING MORE, SO...
M-MAYBE...
HERE'S MY HOUSE
HUH?!
YOU CAN WAIT IN THE LIVING ROOM, 'KAY?
S-SURE...
SORRY TO KEEP YOU!
HEY--

SH-SHE'S COSPLAYING...
...AS THE PLASMA ARRIORS?...
...ELEANOR?
TA-DA!

!
UH...
I'M SORRY ...YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
HUH?!
OH, N-NO! I MEAN, YOU LOOK AMAZING!
REALLY?!
I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE IT/ I WORKED REALLY HARD ON IT!
YEAH! OF COURSE YOU LOOK GREAT!
YOU LOOK JUST LIKE HER FROM THE GAME!

ERRRMM...
YAY! NOW I'LL DO MY VICTORY POSE!
I'M THE BEST IN THE UNIVERSE! Right?
TH-THOSE MELONS ARE SOFTER THAN ANY POLYGONS COULD BE!

GENOCITE MEMORIAL PEACH!
AND NOW, MY FINISHING MOVE!
HOLY SHIT!!
TAKE THAT!
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE OF THIS I CAN TAKE.

WELL, THERE ARE PLENTY OF COSPLAY-ERS AT THE COMICFEST CONVEN-TION.
BUT IT'S BORING JUST WEARING MY COSTUME AROUND THE HOUSE AFTER I WORKED SO HARD ON IT.
COSPLAY-ING SURE IS FUN!
THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE PLACE!
ER... NEXT SUNDAY, I THINK.
UH... SURE.
THAT NEXT SUNDAY..

YEAH
EVERY ONE LOOKS AMAZ ING!
OOPS ... AH!
I DON'T WANT TO GET LOST. MIND IF I HANG ON TO YOU?
S-SURE
HM?
THERE'S AN ELEANOR!
AND ANOTHER ONE!

SURE THING
OKAY, I'M GOING OFF TO CHANGE NOW.
BUT NAOKO'S, ELEANOR LOOKS THE BEST.
I'M REAAA-DY!
WOW!
HEY, GUYS! CHECK OUT THIS ELEANOR! SHE'S A REAL BABE!
YEAH, JUST KEEP LOOKING, BOYS.

ARROW!
ACK!
EXCUSE ME, BUT MAY I PLEASE TAKE YOUR PICTURE?
UH... SURE
LET'S SEE ONE OF YOUR ATTACK MOVES
OKAY!
COSMETIC .

DROOL...
ELEANOR-CHAN! YOU'RE ADORABLE!
AND SO PRETTY!
HELLO.
EEK!
I AM VILFORCE THE FINAL BOSS FROM PLASMA WARRIORS
GET 'IM, ELEANOR!
USE YOUR FINISHING MOVE!
EXCUSE ME, COULD YOU BEND DOWN A LITTLE BIT, PLEASE?
IF YOU INSIST...
OH NO! NOT THE GENOCITE MEMORIAL PEACH!!

NO... THIS IS--!
OKAY! HERE WE GO!
LIVING DAISY
BASH
LOVE LOVE FORTUNE!!
DASH
HEH HEH
WOO-HOO!
HOW CAN SHE DO THIS?!
NO...!

AND NOW SWEETY HEE HEE... COULD YOU SHOW US THE "FINAL HEAVEN'S GATE" MOVE?
W-WHAT THE--?!
TH-THE FINAL HEAVEN'S GATE?!?!?!
DON'T GET TOO AHEAD OF YOURSELVES LOSERS!
AND HERE WE GO!
HUH?!
STOP !!
HUH?!

HUFF HUFF
HEY! WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
WHY'D YOU GO RUNNING OUT LIKE THAT?
YOU WERE GOING TOO FAR!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I WAS HAVING FUN.
YOU MAY HAVE BEEN FINE WITH IT...
...BUT I WASN'T!!
ALL THOSE GUYS TAKING YOUR PICTURE, AND HANGING ALL OVER YOU LIKE THAT...

I JUST CAN'T TAKE IT!!
HUH?
D-DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! WHY WOULD I--
?!
YOU MEAN... YOU WERE JEALOUS?
Blush
OKAY! I WAS JEALOUS!
BUT THAT'S BECAUSE I LIKE YOU!

OKAY. I'LL STOP COSPLAY-ING THEN.
UNLESS IT'S WITH YOU.
HUH--?
YOU MEAN--
AND NOW, MY DEADLY...
chu!

I'M GOING TO CHANGE OUT OF THIS THING NOW, OKAY?
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... KISS!
.....
I WIN!

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EXCUSE ME! REFILL OF COFFEE, PLEASE!
AIN'T IT THE TRUTH? NOTHING BUT LOVEY-DOVEY COUPLES AROUND TO DRIVE ME INSANE!
CHRISTMAS ALREADY? NOW IS CERTAINLY NOT THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY.
ドボボボ
HM?
WE MAY WANT GIRLFRIENDS BUT DEFINITELY NOT ONE LIKE THAT...
WHAT'S HER PROBLEM?

BUT I'M GLAD THE SKIRTS IN THIS PLACE ARE KEPT SHORT!
AIN'T THAT THE TRUTH? MAKES THE TRIP HERE WORTH IT!
Myuck myuck yuck.
LET'S HEAD HOME NOW.
RIGHT. WE'VE ALREADY FILLED UP THREE HOURS WITH JUST ONE CUP OF COFFEE. MAYBE WE OUGHT TO GIVE IT A REST.
W-WHAT A CUTIE!!
I THINK SHE JUST CAME IN
HOW LONG HAS SHE BEEN HERE?
WHAT IS IT?
HUH?
HM?
CHECK IT OUT

EXCUSE ME!!
RIGHT!
THEN LET'S ORDER SOME MORE.
ERR... IT'S NOT MUCH.
DO YOU GOT ANY MONEY LEFT?
YES, SIR? ARE YOU READY TO ORDER?
YES, MA'AM!
I-I'LL HAVE THE CURRY!
YES, SIR.
AND I'LL HAVE THE CURRY WITH A CARPACCIO SALAD, AND APRICOT CAKE FOR DESSERT, PLEASE.

OOOH TOO BAD. I'M ALL OUTTA CASH.
MENU
UH...I'M NOT FINISHED ORDERING YET! I'LL HAVE THE--
...THAT SNEAK! HE MADE ME OUT TO LOOK LIKE A CHUMP WITH THAT SUAVE ORDER OF HIS, WHEN ALL I ORDERED WAS CURRY!
WHY THAT...
*Shiraishi Hitomi is the name of a popular adult video porn star.
1000 yen is about $9.25
TEE HEE!
HUH?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, HOW ABOUT YOU RETURN THAT PORN MAGAZINE I--
SH-SHUT UP! WELL, YOU STILL OWE ME THAT SHIRAISHI HITOMI* VIDEO I LENT YOU LAST SUMMER!
THAT WAS LOW! YOU STILL OWE ME 1,000 YEN, YOU KNOW! I DEMAND YOU PAY ME BACK NOW!
SH... SHE'S LAUGHING! ♡
TEE HEE HEE!

I WAS NDERING YOU JUST START ORKING HERE?
YES?
E-EXCUSE ME, BUT...
UH, YES.
ALL RIGHT SO THAT'S TWO CURRY, ONE CARPACCIO SALAD AND ONE APRICOT CAKE?
YES, SIR, I DID! NICE TO MEET YOU!
IKAWA-SAN?
HEY, DID YOU SEE HER NAME TAG? IT SAID AIKAWA-SAN.
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N-NO! THE PLEASURE'S ALL OURS!
TELL ME ABOUT T A REAL BABE AND A GREAT E SONALITY TO OO(T/ MAKES ME OOK FORWARD O COMING BACK ERE TOMOR-ROW...
YOSH!
MAN, WHAT A SWEET PIECE OF...

EVERY DAY AFTER THAT, TAKESHI AND I WENT TO THE FAMILY RESTAURANT WHERE AIKAWA-SAN WORKED.
WE ALSO FOUND OUT THAT SHE WAS A SECOND YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL LIKE US, AND DIDN'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND.
WE CAME WHENEVER IT WAS HER SHIFT, AND FOUND OUT THAT HER FIRST NAME WAS IZUMI
!
HEE HEE.

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF AIKAWA-SAN?
HMM, GOOD QUESTION. SURE, SHE'S A CUTIE, AND REALLY NICE, AND SHE'S GOT A GREAT SENSE OF STYLE...
NOT TO MENTION...
...THAT RACK!
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN' YOU NOTICED TOO, HUH?
HOW COULD NOT?
THEY'D FIT JUST LIKE THIS...
BOUNCE BOUNCE
RIGHT, LIKE THIS!
BOUNCE BOUNCE
NO, I MEAN...
WHAT?
WELL... IT'S JUST THAT...
I WAS THINK-ING... AIKAWA-SAN'S REALLY NICE, YA KNOW?

HUH?
YOU WAIT JUST A MINUTE!
HEY! NO FAIR!
I...I THINK I MIGHT HAVE A CRUSH ON--
BECAUSE, I HAD A DREAM THAT I WENT ON A DATE WITH HER LAST NIGHT!
SAY WHAT?!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! I'M IN LOVE WITH HER!
I'M THE ONE WHO LIKES HER!
YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING DIRTY!
SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP!
WHO YOU CALLING YOUR IZUMI?
YOU DIRTY BASTARD! HOW DARE YOU DO THAT TO MY IZUMI!
SORRY TO BUST YOUR BUBBLE, BUT I HAD A WET DREAM ABOUT HER!
OH, ISN'T THAT SWEET?
//OH!/
ERGH.
ERK!

YEAH, RIGHT! YOU THINK I'M JUST GOING TO SIT HERE AND TWIDDLE MY THUMBS WHILE SOMEONE ELSE TAKES HER?!
WELL, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN SAY THAT CAN CHANGE MY MIND!
PHEW! I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA CRY!
WE'LL BOTH HAVE AN EQUAL CHANCE!
LISTEN, WHEN SHE GETS OUT OF WORK, WANT TO INVITE HER OUT SOME-WHERE?
R-RIGHT! IF WE INVITE HER AT ONCE, SHE'LL BE CAUGHT OFF-GUARD!
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HUH?
H-HEY, THERE

?
OH, IS THAT SO?
I MEAN, WOW! WHAT A COINCIDENCE! WE WERE JUST PASSING BY!
YOU HEADIN' HOME?
EX-CUSE ME?
YOU... HUNGRY?
'CUZ ME AND TAKESHI HERE WERE JUST GOING TO HAVE DINNER, YA KNOW?
SO, WE WERE WONDERING IF... MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN US?
SURE!
Tee hee!

ELL, VE A TTLE.
WERE YOU SURPRISED WHEN WE INVITED YOU OUT SO ABRUPTLY?
HUH?! IS THAT SO...?
I WOULDN'T HAVE SAID "YES" TO ANYONE ELSE.
DONUTS
RE WE THER- ING OU?
A-ARE WE BEING TOO PESKY?
...BECAUSE I SEE YOU ALMOST EVERY DAY!
I FEEL LIKE WE ALREADY KNOW EACH OTHER...
O-OH, REALLY?
NO, NO! NOTHING LIKE THAT. I JUST THOUGHT YOU WERE A COUPLE OF INTERESTING GUYS.

WOW, SO YOU SNOW-BOARD?
AH HA HA HA
YES, A BIT. HEE HEE.
OH! SPEAK-ING OF WHICH...
?!
WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR OVER CHRISTMAS?
Not dropping the big question HERE!
OH, NOTHING SPECIAL. JUST HAVING DINNER WITH MY FAMILY, THE USUAL.
BUT WHAT I'D REALLY LIKE IS TO SPEND THE CHRISTMAS WITH A BOYFRIEND.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT WOULD BE NICE?
Y-YEAH! ALL THE WAY!
I TOTALLY AGREE!

...BEFORE WE DROPPED HER OFF AND WALKED HOME.
WE TALKED FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER...
DON'T YOU THINK, KESHI?
MAN, AIKAWA-SAN IS SUCH A CUTIE!
YEAH, SHE'S CUTE.
WOO HOO!
I THINK WE'VE REALLY GOT A CHANCE.
JUST LIKE THAT/ ADORABLE!
"DON'T YOU THINK IT'D BE NICE TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH A BOY FRIEND?" Tee hee!
AND THEN, WE CAN GET HER A LITTLE DRUNK ON CHAMPAGNE, AND WHEN SHE SAYS, "MAYBE I SHOULD LIE DOWN FOR A MINUTE—"
MAYBE, SHE'LL SAY OKAY TO GOING ON A DATE WITH US FOR CHRISTMAS..

THEN I'LL RUB RUB RUB RUUUUUB THOSE BREASTS.
Drool
IDIOT. I WAS JUST GETTING TO THE GOOD PART.
KNOCK IT OFF.
..I'LL LAY A NICE WET KISS ON THOSE LUSCIOUS LIPS OF HERS--
OH.
WH-WHAT'S WITH THE SERIOUS ATTITUDE ALL OF A SUDDEN?
HUH?
I SAID KNOCK IT OFF!
...TO SAY THINGS LIKE THAT... ABOUT HER.
WELL, YEAH, BUT ..I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA ANYMORE..
YOU USED TO LIKE JOKING AROUND LIKE THIS
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM?

THEN, A FEW DAYS LATER...
BEST NOT TO MISS THIS CHANCE!
GUESS I'LL JUST GO ALONE TODAY.
SEE YA LATER!
S-SORRY! NOT TODAY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HUH?
HEY, YOU WANT TO STOP BY THAT FAMILY RESTAURANT AGAIN TODAY?
HOWEVER, WHAT I SAW WAS...
THINKING THIS WAS MY CHANCE WITH TAKESHI GONE, I WENT TO THE RESTAURANT AS USUAL.
HUH?
IRA-SSAI-MASE!
TABLE FOR ONE, SIR?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING IN THE CRAZY GETUP?

. . . . . .
TABLE FOR ONE, MY ASS! WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?!
I'M SORRY, YUU! I BROKE OUR PROMISE!
BROKE IT?
AIKAWA-SAN?!
HUH?
THE TRUTH IS, WE'RE...
Glance

...WE'RE GOING OUT!
WHAAAAT?!
Y-YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
IT'S TRUE.
AFTER THAT FIRST TIME WE ALL WENT OUT, TAKESHI-KUN CALLED ME, AND...WE MET THAT SUNDAY AND...
I'M SORRY, YUU.
HA... HA HA..
I'M GOING HOME...
I'M...
YUU!

TAKESHI AND AIKAWA-SAN ARE GOING OUT...?
THAT MEANS I LOST.
I WOULD LISTEN TO THIS CD AND CRY
LAST TIME I GOT MY HEART BROKEN, I COULDN'T EAT FOR NEARLY A WEEK!
I DON'T THINK I'LL GET OVER THIS FOR A WHILE
NOW I GET IT. SO THIS IS WHY THAT JERK WAS ACTING FUNNY.
EVEN WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES LIKE THIS, I'M STILL 15. BUT I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TAKE BACK THAT SPARKLING DAY...
BEEP

THIS ISN'T HOW A HEART-BROKEN GUY SHOULD BE THINKING!
W-WHAT AM I THINKING?
EVEN IF SHE IS MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL-FRIEND, I CAN STILL GET OFF ON--
WAIT!
DAMN HIM... NOW I CAN'T FANTASIZE ABOUT AIKAWA-SAN ANYMORE!
.....
HM?!
MAYBE... I NEVER LIKED AIKAWA-SAN IN THE FIRST PLACE.
.....
BUT...
MAYBE I JUST WANTED AN EXCUSE TO COMPETE AGAINST TAKESHI.
...I HAVE TO MAKE SURE!

STAURANT
Y-YO...
HEE HEE
?!
HUH?
HOW COME YOU GUYS AREN'T HOLDING HANDS?
YUU, LISTEN-
YOU GUYS ARE GOING OUT, AREN'T YOU? THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS HOLD HANDS!
IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY.

HUH...?
W-WELL...
OKAY.
STILL TOO STRAINED HOW ABOUT YOU HOLD ONTO HIS ARM MORE?
HUH?
L... LIKE THIS?

HUH?
DON'T WORRY. I ALREADY KNOW THAT I DON'T LIKE AIKAWA-SAN.
W-WHAT IS IT?
COME HERE A MINUTE, TAKESHI.
!
ALL RIGHT
IT WAS CLEAR ONCE I NOTICED HOW MY HEART DIDN'T REACT AT ALL WHEN I SAW YOU GUYS HANGING ONTO EACH OTHER LIKE THAT.
I ONLY GOT ALL EXCITED ABOUT HER BECAUSE I WAS COMPETING AGAINST YOU FOR HER.
SO, STOP WORRYING ABOUT ME, OKAY?!
I SEE...
IS THAT TRUE?
O-OKAY...
YES.

YEAH! SURE I WILL!
YOU CAN AT LEAST HAVE HER INTRODUCE ME TO HER FRIENDS, OKAY?
BUT IT PISSES ME OFF THAT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GETS THE GIRL!
BUT, I MIGHT STILL HAVE SOME WET DREAMS ABOUT HER, SO FORGIVE ME, OKAY?
SEE YOU LATER THEN.
HA HA HA HA!
WAIT A MINUTE! ANYTHING BUT THAT!

REPORT 7 A Toast to a Regrettable Night!

SO, SHINYA. CHRISTMAS PARTY AT YOUR PLACE, RIGHT?
RIGHT, THEN WE'LL SEE YOU AFTER PRACTICE
SEE YA.
RIGHT.
GUESS I'LL HEAD HOME NOW.
H-HEY! WAIT—
HUH?
HUH?!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A CELL PHONE.
HERE, YOU DROPPED THIS, MURASAWA SAN.
THANKS!
I WON IT FROM THE KARAOKE BOX. NOT TOO SHABBY, HUH? HEH HEH HEH.
YUP!
OH! I'LL TELL YOU MY NUMBER!
IT'S 030-24-9XXXX. GOT IT?
O-OKAY.
SURE!
...SO CALL ME WHENEVER YOU HAVE THE CHANCE!
I GET LONELY IF NO ONE CALLS ME.

LET'S SEE... MURASAWA MARINA. 030-24-9XXXX...
GRIN
THIS IS THE FIRST GIRL'S CELL PHONE NUMBER THAT I'VE EVER WRITTEN IN MY ADDRESS BOOK!
...I WAS LEFT IN CHARGE OF THE HOUSE, WITH MY PARENTS GONE ON A TRIP TO THE HOT SPRINGS. WITHOUT ANY GIRLS, WE WERE A SORRY BUNCH OF GUYS.
THEN, ON THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE...
AND I BROUGHT ODEN*! My mom made it!
I BROUGHT SOME CAKE AND SAKE!
I GOT FRIED CHICKEN.
COOL, SO ANYONE BRING FOOD?

*Oden: A Japanese casserole dish with root vegetables, daikon radish, fish cake, boiled egg, konnyaku and more
A Japanese eatery is weird, but it hardly appropriate for celebrating the holiday!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S DRINK!
KANPAI!
UH-OH. SOMEONE SAID THE G-WORD.
WELL, ANYWAY, TIME TO CELEBRATE! EVEN IF WE DON'T HAVE ANY GIRLS!
DON'T BE MEAN! IT'S REALLY GOOD!
WHAT?! ODEN?! YOU DON'T EAT ODEN ON CHRISTMAS EVE!!
YUP. GOT MINE RIGHT HERE.
EVERYONE BRING ONE?
OKAY, GUYS. TIME TO EXCHANGE PRESENTS.
SHINYA, YOU HARDLY DRANK ANYTHING!
WHAT GIVES? THIS BOTTLE'S ALREADY EMPTY.
IDIOT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S DRINKING TOO MUCH.
AND STOP!
PASS, PASS, CHA-CHA-CHA!
...AND STOP WHEN THIS SONG STOPS
ALL RIGHT! NOW PASS THEM AROUND

AT'S THIS UPPOSED TO BE?
BIG MOON!
WHAT THE---?
AND IT'S BEEN USED!
WHOSE... PORNO MAGAZINE IS THIS?
WHAT DO I NEED THIS THING FOR?
OH, THAT WAS MY PRESENT.
HUH?
WOW... THIS IS PRETTY HOT.
HEY, THAT'S NOT NICE! THAT'S MY TREASURED MAGAZINE, MIND YOU! I THOUGHT IT'D BE MEAN TO ONLY GIVE YOU ONE ISSUE 'CUZ IT'S SECOND-HAND, SO I GAVE YOU A WHOLE SET OF THREE!
GROSS! THERE'S PUBIC HAIR STUCK IN THE PAGES!

YEAH! THAT'S RIGHT!
Y-YEAH. IF WE HAD GIRLS HERE WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PARTY LIKE THIS.
I MEAN, THAT'S THE GOOD THING ABOUT IT ONLY BEING US GUYS
I GUESS...
UH... S'OKAY IF I BORROW THIS ONE?
HUH?
.....
.....
.....
BUT, I DON'T CARE IF EVEN WE DO HAVE PORNO MAGA-ZINES. I STILL WISH A GIRL WOULD COME--
WE WERE ALL TRYING OUT HARDEST NOT TO!
THAT HURTS! ALL RIGHT! I'M SOR-RY! I'M SORRY!
WE PROMISED WE WOULDN'T SAY THAT!!
HUH?!
SHINYA! DO SOME-THING ABOUT IT!
WAAAH! I CAN'T STAND IT ANY-MORE! I NEED A GIRL TOO!
BUT, GOD-DAMMIT! I WANT A GIRL TOO!

HEY!
OH-HO! AND WHAT'S THIS?! WHY DO YOU HAVE MURASAWA MARINA'S NUMBER IN YOUR ADDRESS BOOK, HM?
B-BUT, WHAT CAN I DO?
B-BUT, I...
SHINYA, ARE YOU CRAZY?! YOU GOTTA CALL HER UP NOW!
DID YOU JUST SAY MURASAWA?! YOU MEAN ONE OF THE MOST GORGEOUS BABES IN SCHOOL?!
GIVE THAT BACK!
HERE! NOW TALK!
WHAT?!
Beep Beep
AH, FORGET IT! I'LL CALL HER FOR YOU!
Rrrring rrring

UH, HI. MURASAWA-SAN? HEY, THIS IS ANDOU. RIGHT. ANDOU SHINYA...
K-click
WHAT? YOU'RE GOING OUT TO A PARTY? OH! WELL YOU SEE, THERE'S ONLY US GUYS HERE, SO.
...UH... WE WERE WONDERING IF... YOU'D MAYBE LIKE TO COME OVER?
REALLY? YEAH, YEAH. OKAY, I SEE.
THEN, SEE YOU LATER.
Beep
UH...SHE SAID SHE MIGHT STOP BY LATER.
WELL?

WOO-HOO!!
ACK!
WHY YOU...!
UH, WELL... YOU SEE...
BUT ANYWAY, HOW DID YOU KNOW MURASAWA'S NUMBER IN THE FIRST PLACE?
YOU ARE TRULY OUR MESSIAH.
RIGHT.
NORMALLY, I WOULD KILL YOU BUT BECAUSE MURASAWA'S COMING OVER, I GUESS I CAN FORGIVE YOU.
COME ON, GUYS. TRY THE ODEN...
WOO-HOO! LET'S DRINK!
CRAP! WE GOTTA CLEAN UP THE PORN MAGAZINES!
ALRIGHTY, THEN! LET'S KEEP PARTYING UNTIL MURASAWA STOPS BY!

THREE HOURS LATER ...
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SHE DIDN'T SAY DEFINITELY.
WELL, SHE DID SAY SHE MIGHT BE COMING OVER.
SHINYA, ARE YOU SURE SHE SAID SHE WAS COMING?
DANG. MAYBE SHE'S NOT COMING AFTER ALL.
...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THERE'S NO WAY MURASAWA WOULD COME OVER WITH THE WAY SHINYA INVITED HER.
SEE YA 'ROUND, SHINYA.
ME TOO.
ME TOO.
I'M HEADED HOME.

DAMN THOSE JERKS. THEY LEFT WITHOUT EVEN CLEANING UP THEIR OWN MESS
SIGH...
MURASAWA, THAT LIAR.
WHAT? DID YOU GUYS FORGET SOME-THING?
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WHAT THE --?!

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M-MU-RASAWA-SAN?!
MERRY CHRIST-MAS!
HUH?!
HUH? WHERE'S MY AUDIENCE OF BOYS?
OH! UH...WE WERE ALL WAITING HERE FOR YOU.
BUT IT GOT TOO LATE, SO THEY WENT HOME.

I MEAN, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS MESS!
N-NO! IT'S TRUE! THEY WERE ALL HERE
BUT I THINK YOU WERE JUST WAITING HERE ALONE. RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT YOU WOULD SAY.
OOOOH.
UM... ARE YOU DRUNK?
.....
HMMM.
ALL RIGHT! GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO CELEBRATE WITH JUST THE TWO OF US!
AND I FEEL GREAT!
YUP!
TH-THIS SURE IS A WELCOME TURN OF EVENTS.
Y-YEAH, I GUESS.

HUH?
OH! I ALMOST FORGOT!
HERE, SHINYA! YOU HAVE TO DRESS UP LIKE A REINDEER!
A REINDEER? BUT WHY DO I--
HUH?
BECAUSE I'M SANTA.

WHOOOA!!
UH, WHAT ARE YOU--
HEY! I'M CHANGING! NO PEEKING!
TA-DA!!
It's a little short, though.
OH! S-SORRY!
WOW, THIS IS GETTING PRETTY AMAZING.
O-OKAY
OKAY! YOU CAN LOOK NOW!

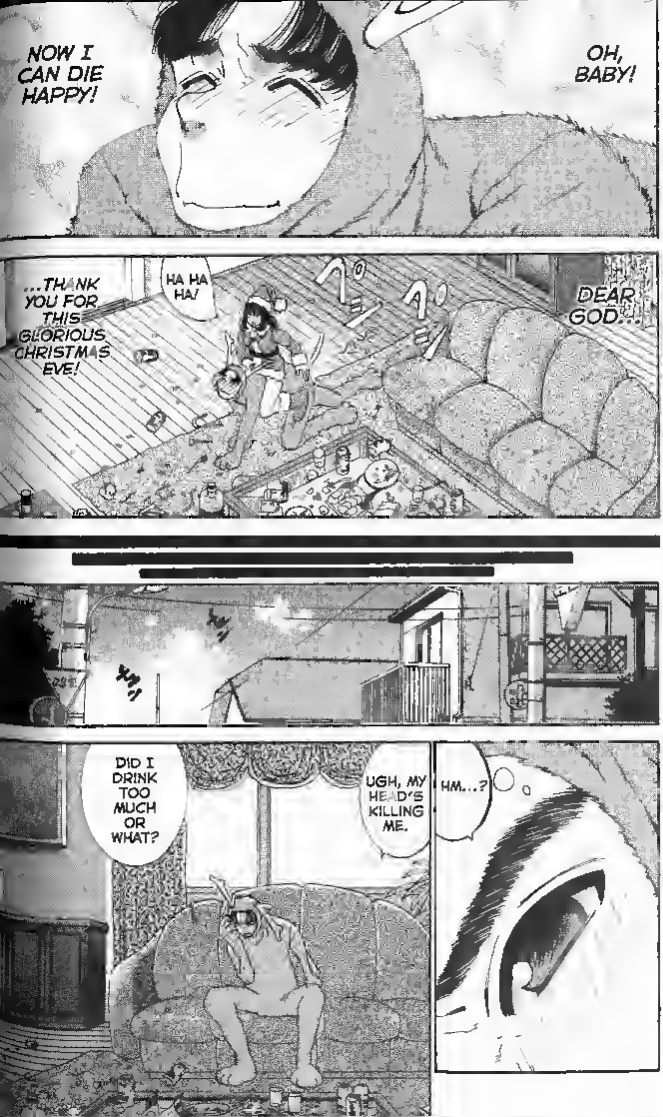
HOLY CRAP!!!
WH-WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BOTTOM?!!
HA... HA HA HA. BUT YOU LOOK CUTER LIKE THIS.
OH... YOU FOR-GOT IT.
OOPS. GUESS I FORGOT TO BRING THE BOTTOM. TEEHEE.
MERRY CHRIST-MAS!!
R-RIGHT ...
WELL, NOW THAT WE'RE ALL DRESSED UP! ...THREE CHEERS!
OH, YOU! YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH!
M-MERRY CHRIST-MAS.

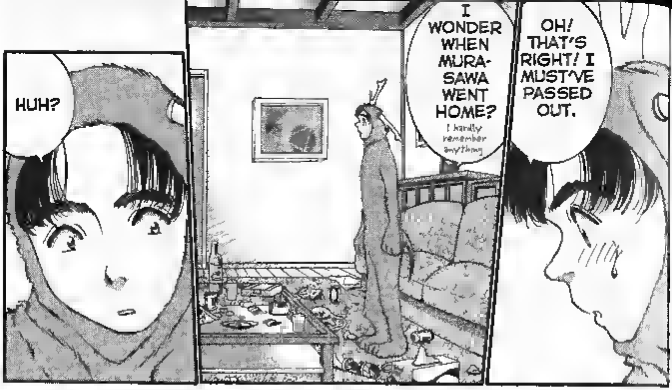
HA HA HA HA! SHINYA! OU'RE SO FUNNY!
OH!
SILLY, SHINYA! REINDEER DON'T KNEEL!
RIGHT. REINDEER SIT LIKE THIS.
I'M... IN... HEAVEN.

UH, SO ANYWAY, DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTS? UH...SANTA?
Ha ha...
HUH? PRESENTS ...?
HMM...
WAIT RIGHT HERE.
Kiki? Did you really buy one?
HUH? A RIBBON?
YOUR PRESENT IS...
SQUEEZE
STARE
OH NO! DON'T TELL ME SHE'S GOING TO--!

...ME.
IS THIS...IS THIS FOR REAL?!
I...I KNEW IT!
HUH?
JUST KIDDING!
Ha ha ha!
ERK!

GIDDY-UP!
GO, MY REINDEER! TAKE SANTA TO THE NORTH POLE!
NEIGH!
OH NO! WE'RE FALLING!


NOW I CAN DIE HAPPY!
OH, BABY!
...THANK YOU FOR THIS GLORIOUS CHRISTMAS EVE!
HA HA HA!
DEAR GOD...
DID I DRINK TOO MUCH OR WHAT?
UGH, MY HEAD'S KILLING ME.
HM...?


HUH?
I WONDER WHEN MURASAWA WENT HOME?
I hardly remember anything!
OH! THAT'S RIGHT! I MUST'VE PASSED OUT.

POTETO
OH!

Thank you so much for such a fun Christmas Eve! Hope to see you next year!
From Marina

WHOA! TH-THIS IS A--!
HM?
HEH, HEH.
THIS IS THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER!!
WHAT THE HELL DID I DO LAST NIGHT...?

BOYS:BE
REPORT 8 Steamy, Dangerous Night

...I WENT ON A TRIP TO A NATURAL HOT SPRING WITH MY GRANDMOTHER.
ONE DAY DURING WINTER BREAK...
HERE YOU GO, SHINICHI. HAVE A MIKAN.
THANKS
DANG... WHAT A LAME WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR, WITH MY GRANDMOTHER
WELL, GUESS I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN. SHE DID GIVE ME A LOT OF NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS AFTER ALL.
HA HA HA HA!
HUH?
*Mikan are small Japanese tangerines.
THEY MUST BE OFFICE LADIES. OR MAYBE COLLEGE STUDENTS.
I WONDER IF WE'RE HEADED FOR THE SAME HOT SPRING.

HUH? ME?
SHINICHI, BE A DEAR AND OFFER SOME MIKAN TO THOSE NICE LADIES OVER THERE.
WOW, THE ONE WITH THE LONG HAIR SHE'S JUST MY TYPE
OKAY.
DON'T YOU FRET ABOUT THAT THEY'RE TRAVELING, JUST LIKE US.
THAT'S OKAY. I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER THEM--
OH!
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THANK YOU SO MUCH! WE'D LOVE SOME!
UM, MY GRAND-MOTHER WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D LIKE SOME MIKAN

OH MY!!
OOPS!
THE MUGAN JUST BOUNCED OFF YOUR BOOBS!
HA HA HA!
I-I'M SO SORRY! MY HAND SLIPPED--
UH... I'LL BE LEAVING NOW.
DAMN, WAS THAT EMBARRASSING!
HA HA HA
MAN, THAT WAS SO WEIRD!
I-I CAN HARDLY BREATHE, I'M LAUGHING SO HARD!
HEE HEE HEE

THEY OFFERED COED BATHS, AND ONES WHERE YOU GOT IN DRESSED.
THE HOT SPRING WE WERE STAYING AT HAD A VARIETY OF BATHS
HO HO HO
HYUCK HYUCK HYUCK.
TOME SAN! YOU LOOK AS YOUNG AS EVER!
OH, DON'T FLATTER ME I COULD NEVER COMPETE WITH YOUR SMOOTH SKIN, TSURU-SAN.
THERE ARE ONLY OLD FARTS IN THE COED BATH
SIGH I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN
WELL, WELL, WELL!
MAYBE I SHOULD TRY HITTING THE SAUNA.
HUH?

SO YOU'RE STAYING AT THE SAME INN, HUH?
Y-YES, MA'AM.
N-NICE TO MEET YOU.
IF IT ISN'T THE BOY FROM BEFORE!
UH...
AAAH... NO ONE ELSE IS AROUND, SO I'LL LAY DOWN.
DON'T MIND ME EITHER!
I SEE.
FIRST YEAR, HUH? YOU'RE SO YOUNG! THAT WAS ME THREE YEARS AGO!
YES, I'M A FIRST YEAR.
ARE YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL?
I-IT'S SHINICHI.
SO, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

WE'RE ALL WORKING GIRLS NOW, BUT WE USED TO BE CLASS MATES IN THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL THREE YEARS AGO.
SURE IS A PAIN BEING AN OFFICE LADY.
TELL ME ABOUT IT! THAT'S WHY WE MAKE IT A HABIT TO COME TO THIS HOT SPRING TO UNWIND.
AAAH, SAUNAS FEEL SO GOOD!
RIGHT! JUST THE BEST!
OH, SORRY ARE WE BEING RUDE?
MAN, RISA'S THE ONLY ONE HERE WITH SOME MANNERS.
HUH?
YOU'RE ONLY BEING SO PROPER BECAUSE THERE'S A BOY HERE.
HUH?
KNOCK IT OFF! THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS!

FINE, THEN I'LL RELAX TOO!
WHOOOOOA!
PLEASE EXCUSE ME!
HA HA HA! YOU'RE SO FUNNY SHINICHI!
RISA, YOU NAUGHTY GIRL! THINK ABOUT THE EFFECT YOUR BOOBS HAVE! HA HA HA!
BRRR...
FHEW! CHILLY!
SO...HER NAME IS RISA.

GRANDMA, HOW CAN YOU SLEEP? IT'S STILL ONLY 9 O CLOCK.
ZZZZZ
MAYBE I'LL STOP BY THE GAME CORNER FOR A BIT.
I'M FREE AND THERE'S NOTHING TO DO AROUND HERE!
RISA! YOU--!
HUH?
!
RI... RISA?
OH!
Peek

YOU WERE PEEKING, WEREN'T YOU?
OH-HO...IF IT ISN'T SHIN-ICHI!
WHOA!
NOW SIT HERE.
COME PLAY WITH YOUR BIG SISTERS.
B-BUT...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! NOW GET IN HERE!
N-N-NO! I WASN'T--!
WHAT? YOU SAYING YOU WON'T DRINK IT EVEN AFTER I SERVED IT?
B-BUT I'M NOT OLD ENOUGH TO--
HERE YOU ARE! DRINK UP!
UH ..YOU'RE NOT ALL DRUNK... ARE YOU?

UH OH. THIS ISN'T GOOD. I BETTER GET OUT OF HERE SOON...
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WE'RE TOTALLY DRUNK!
BINGO!
WELL... RISA STILL LOOKS CUTE EVEN WHEN SHE'S DRUNK.
MAYBE IT WON'T BE SO BAD IF I STAY AROUND A LITTLE LONGER.
OKAY! I'VE GOT A QUESTION FOR SHINICHI!
YES?
WHICH OF US WOULD YOU GO OUT WITH IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE?
HUH?

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! I'LL TALK!
NOW LET'S SEE...
ANSWER THE QUESTION! OR ELSE!
WHO YOU TRYING TO PLAY DUMB WITH?!
OH, I COULD NEVER CHOOSE... HA HA HA.

HUH?
I'D CHOOSE...

WELL HE'S A HIGH SCHOOLER! WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
YOU REALLY ARE THE CHEEKY ONE.
N-N-NO!
Gulp!
I KNOW! IT'S BECAUSE OF HER BREASTS, ISN'T IT?!
EEK
WHY RISA?!

TEE HEE HEE!
OH MY GAWD! HE'S SO CUTE! HEE HEE!
I MEAN .. I HAVE!
UH, NO...I HAVEN'T.
HUH?
SPEAKING OF WHICH HAVE YOU HAD SEX YET?
OH YEAH? THEN DO YOU KNOW HOW TO UNDO A GIRL'S BRA WITH JUST ONE HAND?
N-NO! IT'S TRUE!
YOU LIE!
I...I KNOW HOW.
EVEN A NOVICE KNOWS HOW TO DO THAT.
OH, YOU CAN'T?
UNDO A BRA... WITH ONE HAND?

WHAT? NOT FEELING SO CONFIDENT ANYMORE?
HUH?!
BUT, EVERY TIME YOU LOSE YOU HAVE TO TAKE OFF ONE PIECE OF CLOTHING
OKAY THEN, LET'S PLAY A LITTLE GAME. IF YOU'RE ABLE TO UNDO ONE OF OUR BRAS IN FIVE SECONDS, WE'LL SHOW YOU OUR BREASTS.
OKAY. I'LL GO FIRST.
ER...
ROUND ONE! READY, SET, GO!
I'LL I'LL DO IT
ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR...
HMM ..I WAS SURE IT WOULD BE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE

HUH?!
SORRY. YOUR FIVE SECONDS ARE UP!
BOO!!
OKAY... I'LL TAKE OFF MY SASH.
NOW, TAKE OFF ONE LAYER OF CLOTHING JUST AS WE PROMISED
ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR...TIME'S UP! TOO BAD! TAKE OFF YOUR YUKATA.
ME NEXT!
UGH...
AND BEFORE, YOU WERE TALKING SO BIG!
OOH, TWO FAILURES IN A ROW!
NEXT TIME YOU LOSE, YOU'LL BE TOTALLY NAKED.
Soon graduating for you!

COME NOW SHINICHI! NO NEED TO CRY!
OKAY, OKAY. HOW ABOUT I GIVE YOU A LITTLE HINT?
TAKE A LOOK AT THE HOOK ON THIS BRA
NOW IF YOU SQUEEZE HERE...
OH! NOW I SEE...
...AND TWIST LIKE THIS... SEE? PENS RIGHT UP!
OKAY! READY FOR THE LAST ROUND? IT'S SHINICHI VERSUS HIS FAVORITE, RISA!
OH!
NOW FACE EACH OTHER LIKE LOVERS!

COME ON, WHERE'S THE HOOK, THE HOOK..
ONE, TWO, THREE
IT SHOULD BE HARDER, WITH RISA'S KNOCKERS
NOW LET THE FINAL BATTLE BEGIN!
I GOT IT!
NOW SQUEEZE HARD, AND...
...TWIST!
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HERE IT IS!

NO WAY! I CAN'T BELIEVE HE ACTUALLY GOT IT!
EEK!
I DID IT!
HMM, WELL, A WIN'S A WIN. RISA, SHOW HIM, JUST LIKE WE PROMISED.
WHAT?
COME ON! IT WAS JUST A GAME! YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT?
NO! SHINICHI'S ALREADY STRIPPED THIS MUCH, IT'S THE LEAST YOU CAN DO!
B-BUT...
IT'S... IT'S OKAY.
I REALLY ...
BOO!
COME ON!
YOU'VE ALREADY DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH. IT WAS A LOT OF FUN.

COME ON, RISA! HE REALLY WANTS TO SEE THEM!
I THOUGHT SO!
WELL, ER...
YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT! I KNOW YOU REALLY WANNA SEE THEM, RIGHT?
.....
SHOW HIM! SHOW HIM!
SHOW HIM! SHOW HIM.
ALL RIGHT! I'LL DO IT!

WHOA!
WAS THAT... ENOUGH?
GOOD JOB, RISA! YOU WERE GREAT!
I'M SO ENVIOUS OF RISA'S BIG BREASTS.

I CAN'T GET THE PICTURE OF RISA'S NAKED BODY OUT OF MY HEAD.
THAT... THAT WAS AMAZING.
DID YOUR BREASTS GROW AGAIN?
HERE, DRINK UP, RISA
UH-OH!
WAH!
THERE HAS BEEN SOME ABNORMAL ACTIVITY DETECTED IN SHINICHI'S REGION!
HUH?
AH-HA...
R-RISA-SAN...YOU GOTTA HELP ME. I KNOW YOU WOULDN'T REALLY--
HURRY UP, RISA! PULL DOWN HIS BOXERS!
TSK TSK. YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
ACK!
LET'S STRIP HIM AND FIND OUT!
WHAT NAUGHTY THOUGHTS ARE YOU HAVING IN THERE?

SORRY. THIS MAKES US EVEN.
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HUH?
YESTERDAY SURE WAS CRAZY.
THE NEXT DAY...
HUH?
OH. IT WAS NO BIG DEAL.
I'M SORRY ABOUT YESTER-DAY.
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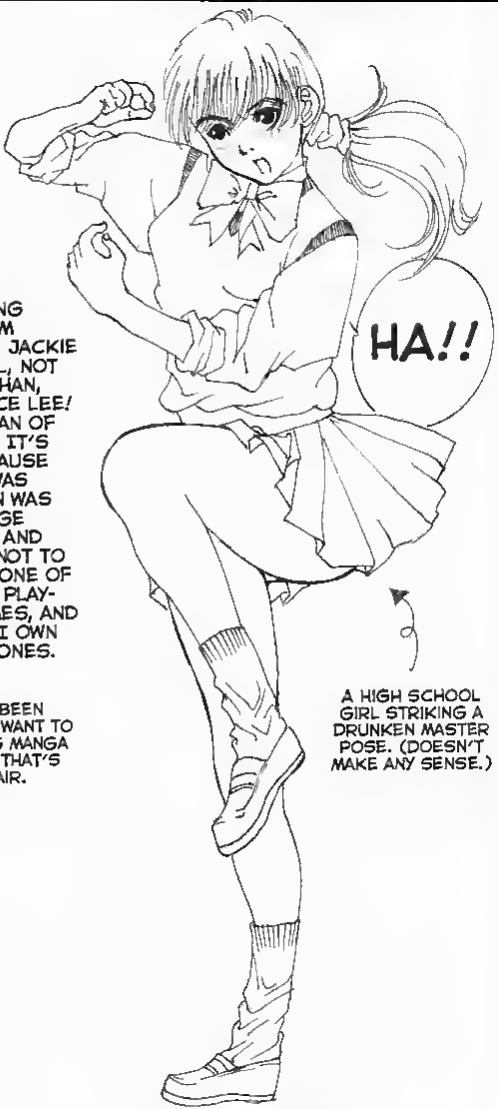
.....
I START WORK AGAIN TOMOR-ROW. I'LL DO MY BEST.
BUT THANKS TO YOU, I HAD A LOT OF FUN.

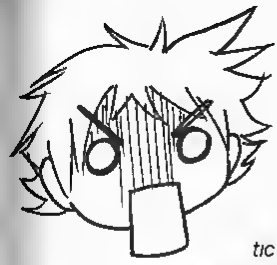
RISA! COME ON!
山川温泉
みやた旅館
OH... IT WAS NOTHING.
THANK YOU.
SEE YOU!
OLDER WOMEN ARE SCARY...
I CAN'T BELIEVE RISA-SAN PULLED DOWN MY BOXERS. AND SHE SEEMED LIKE SUCH A CUTE AND INNOCENT GIRL.
The End



THE TRUTH IS, I'VE BEEN HIDING SOMETHING. I'M REALLY A HUGE JACKIE CHAN FAN! WELL, NOT JUST JACKIE CHAN, BUT ALSO BRUCE LEE! I'M REALLY A FAN OF FIST-FIGHTING. IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE THE WORLD I WAS BROUGHT UP IN WAS THE GOLDEN AGE OF BRUCE LEE AND JACKIE CHAN. NOT TO MENTION THAT ONE OF MY HOBBIES IS PLAYING VIDEO GAMES, AND ALL THE ONES I OWN ARE FIGHTING ONES.

THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT I WANT TO DRAW A FIGHTING MANGA SOMETIME... BUT THAT'S STILL UP IN THE AIR.
-TAMAKOSHI

A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL STRIKING A DRUNKEN MASTER POSE. (DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.)



By far, the worst coupling for this volume of ***Boys Be*** *was Report 7. There's absolutely NO way Marina and Shinya would be a compatible pair. After that messy Christmas Eve party, you can bet your bottom dollar that they'll never hook up again (much less look each other in the eye at school). Let's be realistic here. Horny boy. Alone. Drunk girl. Reindeer outfit. That's just a formula for disaster. Guys, if you're ever thinking that a drunk girl's gonna appear before your very eyes like a gift from above, think again. Best to send her on her way home as soon as you can rather than entertain yourself with some cheap panty shots and drunkard's breath, because she's going to be puking up something nasty in no time flat. And I'm sure you don't wanna spend your Christmas day cleaning up the mess.*

Bottom line: Hold on to at least SOME of your dignity, both you girls and guys.

Report 6 was another atomic bomb of mistakes and regret. Would you let a simple-minded waitress, who's only trained to serve tea and some T&A, make you turn against your best dude? Poor, clueless Izumi's found herself caught in a power struggle between two lifelong friends, Yuu and Takeshi, only to have herself fought over like a piece of meat in the butcher shop window. Going out with the girl your friend has a crush on behind his BACK?! Come on, people, we've seen how this little scenario turns out in the movies! Lucky for Takeshi, Yuu decided to submit to the Alpha dog, or fur would fly.

Best advice: Back off from your friend's crushes. You're just gonna get hurt.

Twin Talk: A Guy's Guide to Girls
By Kathy and Chrissy Schilling

Hands down, Masahiro from Report 4 is a dream-guy come true. His innocent nature, amazing sense of generosity and appreciation for a really great gal... sigh...I melted the first time I read it. (^_^) I mean, from the start he's different from the rest of the guys: finding positive, encouraging points about Ogata's model-material height and there's not a glimmer of doubt for her when he first gets her invitation to date. Overall, his encouragement rather than teasing of her height -- finalized through his presentation of her desired high-heels -- is not only kind but manly! Not to mention how he apologizes for hurting her feelings. How many times does a guy go that far? Guys, take note!

Final word: Appreciate a girl (or guy!) for who she is. If you can't, you're probably into her for the wrong reasone.

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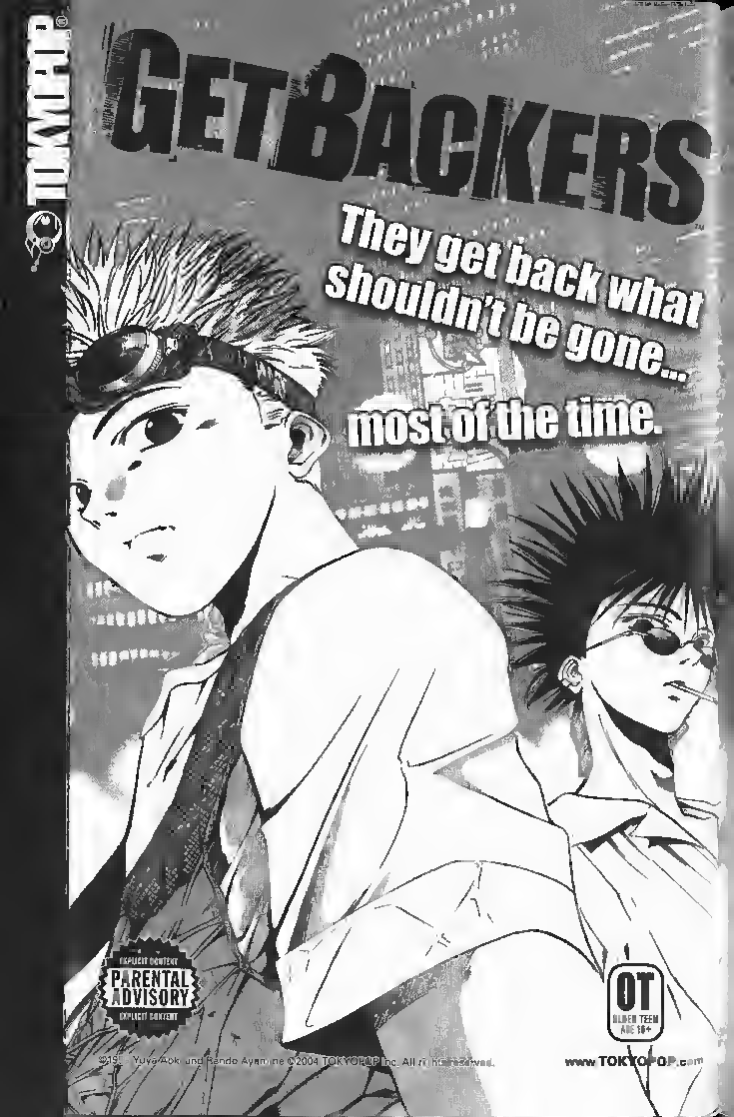
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